

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 783**

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TO:	The Honorable Michael L. Fair, Chairman, Senate Corrections and Penology Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Prisoner Benefits		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 783 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 24-3-45 which requires the Department of Corrections to establish an internal grievance system which would allow victims and dependent beneficiaries who are eligible to receive prisoner wage reductions (restitution), a forum to pursue claims related to this section.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Correction's daily count of prison industry and work program inmates total 1,950 and 450 respectively. Among the current inmate population approximately 15% (3,633 inmates) have a restitution requirement. The number of grievances where a victim may pursue a claim is unknown. However, depending of the number of grievances and claims the Department anticipates it would need six additional staff to include three Grievance Coordinators, two support staff and one attorney. Total anticipated cost including fringe benefits and other operating expenses is estimated at \$260,000.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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